

House Resolution No. 1609

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause for Don Wessel, of Springfield, Missouri, who will soon retire from his position as member and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Ozark Technical Community College; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who honorably served his country in the United States Army, Don Wessel is the Founding Trustee of the college and the owner of Don Wessel Oldsmobile-Honda; and

Whereas, a community leader, Don Wessel has served on many prestigious boards including Drury University, Forrest Institute, Lester E. Cox Medical Centers, American Red Cross of Springfield, Springfield Symphony Association, Springfield Area Council of Churches, Missouri Automobile Dealers Association, and Ozarks Public Television, and he served as president for the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the recipient of many honors and accolades, Don Wessel received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boys Scouts of America and was named the 1987 Springfieldian of the Year for his community service and leadership; and

Whereas, a patron of the arts and a philanthropist, Don Wessel underwrote the Emerging Artist series at Juanita K. Hammons; and

Whereas, Don Wessel served as President of the Board of Trustees for Ozark Technical Community College from 1992 to 1994; and

Whereas, Don Wessel will formally recognized during a ceremony to be held at Ozark Technical Community College; and

Whereas, Don Wessel is the devoted husband of his beloved wife, Betty, and loving father to his children, Jon and Ann:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere gratitude to Don Wessel for his invaluable contribution to Ozark Technical Community College, with our best wishes for continued success and prosperity in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Don Wessel.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1609, adopted April 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker